

## A year and three days by Ihni

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Billy lived - and after a year, he sends proof.

Steve goes after him.

Based off of [this artwork and accompanying ficlet](#) by Gravegroves.

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### Author's Note:

- For [Gravegroves](#).

It's been a year, and Steve's doing much better  
A year to the day, is when Max gets the letter  
Inside is a note with four lines of text  
An address; so Steve knows where he will go next

He takes time off work, and he packs to go far  
He stuffs it all into the trunk of his car  
He gets in his Beemer; bids Hawkins farewell  
(There'd been a photo too; Billy'd looked well)

The trip there is gruesome – thousands of miles  
To Steve it's the last of a long line of trials  
He rests when he has to, wherever that's cheap  
He stares at the ceilings, but don't often sleep

He gets there – the address – but Billy's not there  
“The beach” is the answer when Steve's asking “Where?”  
He leaves his car parked at the roadside and walks  
The ocean is close, just a couple of blocks

The weather is warm and the city's alive  
It feels like it takes him a blink to arrive  
The beach's full of people; all smiling and tanned  
Inhabitants, clearly, of this sun-kissed land

And there, in a couch under palms and blue skies  
Is Billy; alive, which is still a surprise  
Just three days ago, Steve was certain he'd died  
But here he is now; alive, verified

He's shirtless, and scars are adorning his chest  
He's sprawled out, contented – completely at rest  
His hair has grown longer, his skin is more gold  
All in all, Billy's a sight to behold

And then he looks up, sees that Steve is before him  
Steve suddenly worries that he will ignore him  
But Billy's lips twitch and he says with a smile;  
"Hey there, amigo. It's been a while."